

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM by Chandler Kielbas.

At 11:09 AM Chandler Kielbas asked if everyone had reviewed the meeting agenda for September 2nd, 2025, and if any changes needed to be made. Janis Hazel confirmed she had reviewed the agenda and said that she spoke to Alessandra Carreon the previous week, who was open to potentially scheduling a meeting with the LISC. She said she would like this to be a round-table item. Chandler agreed and suggested speaking on this during the action-item registry as well. He then asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda if there were no further additions. Janis moved to approve, and Juan Shannon seconded the motion.

At 11:11 AM Chandler Kielbas reminded the Council that they would be voting on two sets of meeting minutes. He first asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 5th, 2025. Juan Shannon moved to approve, and Darryl Folks seconded the motion. The August 5th, 2025, meeting minutes were approved. Chandler acknowledged that there were some technical difficulties during the August 19th, 2025, meeting and asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from that day. Janis Hazel said she read Darryl's AI notes, and they were very helpful. Darryl moved to approve, and Janis seconded the motion.

At 11:13 AM Chandler Kielbas introduced the first item on the agenda: a DONCast inquiry and discussion. He said that he has been in contact with Julie Jozwiak from DTE, and she believes the LISC will have a DONCast presentation timeslot reserved at the end of September or by early October. He furthered that he is currently developing a presentation for that. He plans to share it with the LISC in the next couple of weeks for feedback. Chandler asked Janis Hazel what she believes should be the focus points for discussion during this presentation because she is familiar with DONCast. He also asked if anyone in the LISC would like to be involved in this process beyond just attending. Janis responded that she would like to speak during the presentation to show that the Impact Pilot is a community volunteer endeavor, rather than just a utility project. She added that one of the slides should have a photo of the community representatives on it. Chandler thanked Janis for her feedback and said he will make sure her thoughts are integrated into the presentation. Janis then added that they should promote the lunch-and-learn during this event as well, so that as many community organizations as possible will be aware of it. She said she is in favor of an October lunch-and-learn, if not November. Chandler said this was a great idea and it was his plan as well. He was waiting to get an estimated DONCast date and then use that information to inform the lunch-and-learn, especially because they can expand on their DONCast information during the lunch-and-learn. Chandler then asked if there was any more feedback. Juan Shannon asked what the date would be for the DONCast presentation. Chandler said there was not an exact date picked out yet, but that it will have to be on a Monday at around 6PM. He said Julie would give him a list of dates and he

would see which worked best for LISC members. Darryl Folks said that it is very difficult for him to attend afternoon events, but he would try his best to make it. Chandler asked if a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoon (1 PM or 2 PM) would work for him for the lunch-and-learn. Darryl confirmed this would most-likely work. Chandler said they would keep talking about it and asked Janis and Juan if they were flexible in the early afternoon. Janis confirmed. He asked for any more feedback. Janis said that she would just like to see the draft presentation and an exact date.

At 11:22 AM Chandler Kielbas moved on to an inquiry and discussion regarding the lunch-and-learn presentation. He said they no longer have a 20-minute constraint for the presentation, and it is now closer to an hour. He asked for any feedback, questions or suggestions for the lunch-and-learn. Janis Hazel asked if they had a lunch-and-learn last year. Chandler said they did, and that Eddie Smith presented on MIGreenPower. Janis said she remembers that, and it was very good. She added that in this lunch-and-learn, the community members should be introduced, and each member should state their responsibilities within the community and Council. She also said the presentation should include information about what land parcels the LISC is interested in, and how the Council has partnered with the CCF. She added that she believes Tepfirah Rushdan would participate in a discussion about land parcels specific to Detroit. There should also be information regarding fundraising efforts. Chandler said this reminded him to mention that the CCF will be joining the LISC meeting on September 16th. Chandler then asked if the LISC members would like to speak during their introductions. Juan Shannon asked where this event will be held. Chandler replied that it will be held via Zoom on the Vote Solar Google account, similar to previous years. He furthered that any interested party could send Chandler their email address, and he will make sure they are on the invite list. Janis asked if Chandler could send out a Google link so she could circulate that. Chandler said he would investigate that and look around to see if he had a list of people he could contact who had attended previous lunch-and-learns. He suggested that Council members could also invite community members from their respective offices to sit in on the meeting live. He asked for any further thoughts. Darryl Folks said he could be introduced by whoever was leading the presentation and did not need to speak. Juan asked when the lunch-and-learn would be. Chandler responded that they do not yet have the date picked out, but once they learn the DONCast date, they will most-likely schedule the lunch-and-learn 2-3 weeks later. He said he will collaborate with the LISC to find 5-6 possible dates and choose the one that works best. Juan said that he would have an interest in speaking. Janis said she would like a graphic flyer to be created and embedded into the email invitation. Chandler replied that he will make sure to do this. He asked for further comments and there were none.

At 11:32 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to reviewing community engagement initiatives. He handed the discussion to Janis Hazel. She said that she attended two EGLE events regarding elective pay for the MI Healthy Climate Plan. She had a meeting with an EGLE representative to learn more about this funding component, however, elective pay seems to be for when something is being financed, rather than funded by grants, so she decided not to pursue this further. She also attended a Detroit Land Bank Authority Town Hall event. She attended the Green Task Force meeting as well, where they toured a landfill, and she met with others who she introduced to the

project. Additionally, she went to a roundtable climate training event concerning Michigan's net zero carbon emissions by 2050 goal. Here, she spoke to Alessandra Carreon, who said the Council could reach out to her and schedule a meeting, as Janis had wanted to get her involved regarding the MI State Land Bank, and financial tools that could be used to develop a solar array. She attended Juan Shannon's event as well. Chandler asked if anyone had anything to add and there was none.

At 11:40 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the action item register. He marked that the LISC was able to connect with the State Land Bank Authority and said that they will continue to work with them. He said he is still speaking to Julie Jozwiak working on the DONCast presentation. He added to the action item registry that they would meet with Alessandra Carreon during an LISC meeting, and Janis Hazel said she would reach out to get this scheduled. Juan Shannon asked if there were any updates regarding the land by the fire department in Highland Park, at 44 Gerald Street. Chandler said that he specifically inquired with the Michigan Land Bank Authority about that land. They said that the parcel was under three acres, and so it would have to be put in conjunction with another small parcel of land, making the array incontiguous and potentially raising the cost of the project. Though, this land is still not discounted entirely. Juan asked if the Land Bank Representatives were receptive to a potential deal. Chandler replied that there is a lot of outside interest and specific projects the City would like to do for this piece of land. The Land Bank Authority Representatives thought it would be a better idea to group certain parcels of land together elsewhere in Highland Park. However, this was just an introductory conversation and Chandler said they would need to meet again. Chandler asked Janis if she remembered anything further from the meeting. She said that the Representative, Jim, was very optimistic about Highland Park land opportunities, as well as the other two Pilot locations. They were very receptive to the project in general, and she believes they should plan a next-steps meeting. Chandler agreed. Juan added that next to the 44 Gerald property is some privately owned property on the market, which would most likely bring the acreage up to three. Chandler asked Juan if he knew how large this piece of property is. The solar array will cover at least three acres in a perfect scenario; however, it could even take up to 3.5 or four acres. Juan said there is room to work with, and that this extra parcel of land could probably bring the total area up to 3.5 acres. Chandler then asked Juan how much he favored an array on this parcel over the water treatment facility he had brought up in a previous meeting. Juan said he liked this option a lot more because it would not have to go through the City. Janis shared GIS mapping photos of the 44 Gerald property, and Juan said the other parcel of land he spoke about was located just down the street from there, behind the former Ford plant and near the Joe Louis Greenway.

At 12:00 PM Chandler Kielbas asked for any last thoughts. Juan Shannon thanked Boratha Tan and Janis Hazel for attending the Highland Park VIP Reception event. There were no further comments.

At 12:01 PM the meeting was adjourned.